

# GET PLUGGED IN

## Worship Ministry

***Please complete the Worship Ministry Supplemental Application attached***

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the Worship Ministry at Calvary Chapel Melbourne. It is our desire to see you get plugged in with the gifts and talents God has given you and to enjoy the blessings of serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, together.

We have no membership, however, the elders have set a guideline of six months of regular church attendance before serving in any area of ministry. Attending weekend and midweek services on a consistent basis is expected of all who serve in this ministry. For as we stand before the church body in ministry, we are in leadership and will be looked on, and expected to live, as an example in our approach to ministry and our daily walk with the Lord.

## Expectations

### CALLING

We require a threefold calling on the life of anyone who would become a servant in the worship ministry here at CCM.

**First**, and most important, anyone who would serve must be a Spirit-filled believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Ministering to God's people is far too important to allow anyone who is not born again to participate.

**Second**, anyone who would serve in the worship ministry here at CCM must be called to this church; that is, CCM must be their home church as evidenced by regular attendance, a willingness to accept and support those in leadership, and participation in the financial and other support requirements of the body.

**Finally**, those in the worship ministry must be called by God to participate in this unique ministry. We consider it a privilege rather than a chore to serve the Lord by leading His people into His presence through song, and by reaching out to the lost through evangelical music. Anyone who would serve in this capacity must have a genuine calling and some degree of talent in these areas. Performing is not an option in this ministry. Every applicant should earnestly seek the Lord in prayer before proceeding. Anyone who is uncertain of his calling or his true reasons for serving will soon find the required sacrifice of time, effort and personal preferences (e.g., musical styles, opportunities for participation, etc.) to be a burden. This is why we ask that applicants wait at least six months to as much as a year after beginning regular attendance at CCM before entering the worship ministry.

### COMMITMENT

Our responsibility to protect the congregation far outweighs any reluctance we may have to inquire into the personal lives of prospective worship team members. Anyone interested in serving in the worship ministry will, therefore, be asked to demonstrate a certain level of maturity and commitment by filling out an application (form attached). We will treat this information with due respect and confidentiality. Our intent is to build a sufficient base upon which, with the covering of prayer, we can make an informed decision about an applicant's compatibility with the worship ministry objectives.

It is our desire that the main gift of every person in the worship ministry at CCM would always be a heart that longs to worship the Lord. Musical ability is considered secondary to this attribute. Nonetheless, a certain level of musicianship is necessary in order to prevent distractions in this unique ministry. We ask that applicants submit to an honest evaluation of their current skill level before being accepted.

Just as important as musicianship is the ability to work as a team. Those in the CCM worship ministry must be willing to set aside any personal preferences or agendas that might be in conflict with worship team goals. Those in the worship ministry must have a willingness to submit to leadership, accept whatever teammates are assigned for a given service, be available for whatever worship opportunities arise and generally shoulder the load as servants of all.

**\*After initial acceptance into the CCM worship ministry, there may be a formal review with a worship leader at the end of four months to ensure that expectations on both sides are being met. We humbly request that each new member commit to this probationary period concept to give both parties an opportunity to ensure that they are in God's will.**

## SERVICE

Service in the worship ministry begins with prayer. Those on the worship ministry team should have active individual prayer lives, lifting up each other, CCM leadership, the body of believers we serve and the lost that the Lord puts in our path. We strive to stay in God's will by seeking His guidance, His wisdom and the outpouring of His Spirit in our ministry. In addition, we gather regularly to pray together before services. All members of the worship ministry are welcome and encouraged to participate whether scheduled for a particular service or not.

Many times, service is rendered most effectively in the worship ministry by the example we provide. Our ministry is a particularly visible ministry, so it is important that our habits and lifestyle be such that we cause no one to stumble. Smoking and excessive drinking (etc) are thus prohibited per your involvement with any of the worship teams on this campus. This is also especially true of our conduct, sincerity, dress, etc., when we are before the body engaged in worship, but it is just as true when we are in the audience. Dress should be modest and neat, conduct should be such that attention is drawn to the Lord rather than ourselves, and worship should always be as unto the Lord. *We strive to lead our brothers and sisters into His presence not by commanding them, but by entering there ourselves and inviting them to follow.*

Faithfulness is essential in any ministry, and the worship ministry at CCM is certainly no exception. The faithfulness of worship ministry servants should embrace punctuality, individual and team rehearsals, prayer, regular attendance at church, participation in worship ministry meetings, support of the vision and leadership of CCM (in accordance with the will of the Lord), and support of the body's fiscal and other support requirements.

Availability for service is an area in which we are all attacked, more and more as it seems as the pace of our daily lives continuously increases. We must make every effort to seek the Lord's will in the balancing of our commitments to Him, our families, our jobs and our ministry. If commitments in the first three areas are such that insufficient time is left for the worship ministry, servants are expected to seek the counsel of leadership and perhaps step down until a proper balance can be achieved. Availability within the worship ministry should embrace a willingness to provide musical worship for any service in which there is a need including, as mentioned earlier, mid-week services, outreaches, bible studies and other opportunities that arise from time to time. It also should embrace such things as the willingness to accept whatever teammates are assigned, making oneself available for post-service "altar counseling," prayer and fellowship with the body at the Lord's leading, and taking on the responsibility (and immense blessing) of mentoring new worship ministry servants or interested members of the body.

Those in the worship ministry must make a conscious and unwavering effort to remain teachable. We are, of course, to be seeking to learn daily that which the Lord reveals of Himself through the study of His word, the guidance of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, and our relationship with Him through prayer. We must also remain teachable in our musical skills, ministry techniques, servanthood requirements and other practical elements of our ministry. Our goal as servants is to subordinate our personal goals and preferences to those of the worship ministry team and, more importantly, to the will of our Lord. In order to serve those He entrusts to us, we ask for more of Him and less of us in our lives and ministry.

If after giving prayerful thought and consideration to these matters and you are willing to make these commitments, let us know if you desire to be considered further for this ministry area by filling out the application in this form and turning it in to the church office. You are encouraged to read and meditate on Colossians 3:23-24 and Philippians 2:3-11 as you examine yourself and seek the Lord's guidance.

Yours in Christ,  
CCM Worship Ministry Staff

## **Worship Ministry Application**

Please complete the requested information for the area in which you would like to serve. This should be turned in with the Ministry Questionnaire and Disclosure Release Form.

Most communication with the Worship Ministry Staff is handled by email. Once you have been cleared you will receive information about the team and audition details (*if applicable*). Please **print clearly** your preferred email address.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: Male / Female

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Based on your musical abilities, which team would you like to serve.

Praise Team – Band     Praise Team – Vocals     Worship Choir     Orchestra

### **Musical Abilities**

Please complete the sections below that pertain to you

#### **Praise Team - Band**

Acoustic     Electric Guitar-- Lead *or*  Rhythm     Bass Guitar     Keyboard     Drums

#### **Praise Team - Vocals**

Melody only     Soprano     Alto     Tenor

Are you available for rehearsal the Thursday night prior to serving on the weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

If serving on Wednesday, are you available for rehearsal at 4:30(vocal) & 5:00(band)? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Worship Choir**

Soprano     Alto     Tenor     Baritone

Are you available for rehearsal at 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Orchestra**

List Instrument(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearsal dates and times vary. Usually two Sundays a month after the second service and occasional Thursday evening.

### **Skill Level**

High School     College     Community Band/Orchestra     Church Choir     Community Choir

Other: - Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Experience other than above: \_\_\_\_\_